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SUBJECT: HOSTILE FORCES CAMPAIGN, CONTINUED

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1. IN THE FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDICTMENTS OF "COMINFORMISTS" DURING CURRENT HOSTILE FORCES CAMPAIGN, BELGRADE PRESS ON JANUARY 9 REPORTED THAT NOVI SAD PUBLIC PROSECUTOR HAS CHARGED TEN INDIVIDUALS, WHO WERE NAMED IN ARTICLE, WITH CONSPIRACY. WORKING FROM A "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY-INFORMBUROIST" POSITION, THEY ALLEGEDLY FORMED AN ILLEGAL GROUP WHICH AIMED TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL ORDER. THEY WROTE AND DISTRIBUTED PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS, ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH A GROUP OF COMINFORMIST EMIGRES AND TRIED TO RECRUIT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE MAJORITY OF THEM HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INDICATED OR SENTENCED FOR SIMILAR OFFENSES IN THE PAST. SIX OF THE TEN ARE RETIRED, TWO ARE LISTED AS OFFICE WORKERS, ONE AS A DOCTOR AND ONE AS A STUDENT. GEOGRAPHICALLY, MOST MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE FROM THE VOJVODINA: TWO FROM NOVI SAD, TWO FROM

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SUBOTICA, TWO FROM KIKINDA, TWO FROM BELGRADE, AND ONE

EACH FROM SENTA AND BOSANSKA DUBICA. ALL ARE NOW IN CUSTODY. THE MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR THE CRIME WITH WHICH THEY ARE CHARGED IS FIVE YEARS (ARTICLE 117, PARAGRAPH 1, CRIMINAL CODE).

2. REUTERS HAS LEARNED THAT FOUR OTHER COMINFORMISTS, INCLUDING DUSAN BRKIC, FORMER VICE PREMIER OF CROATIA, WILL GO ON TRIAL IN BELGRADE ON JANUARY 12 (REFTEL).

3. ACCORDING TO LCY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANE DOLANC, ONLY ONE MEMBER OF THE LCY WAS A MEMBER OF "NEO STALINIST" AND "NEO COMINFORMIST" GROUPS WHICH CAUSED PROBLEMS IN THE PAST YEAR. DOLANC SAID THIS IN A YEAR-END INTERVIEW WITH THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE SARAJEVO NEWSPAPER "OSLOBODJENJE". WHILE PLEASED WITH LACK OF LCY INVOLVEMENT, DOLANC NEVERTHELESS STRESSED THAT DANGEROUS IDEOLOGICAL TRENDS STILL EXIST AND MUST BE RESISTED.

4. TRIAL OF COMINFORMIST EMIGRE VLADIMIR DAPCEVIC HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, BUT ZAGREB WEEKLY "VJESNIK U SRIJEDU" CARRIED ARTICLE ON DAPCEVIC'S BACKGROUND JANUARY 7. COVERING MAINLY HIS ACTIVITIES UP TO 1958 WHEN HE FLED YUGOSLAVIA, ARTICLE STATES FLATLY THAT "THE THEN MILITARY ATTACHE AT THE USSR EMBASSY IN YUGOSLAVIA" SOUGHT AND RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM DAPCEVIC IN CLANDESTINE MEETINGS AT THE TIME OF THE BREAK WITH THE COMINFORM IN 1948. HE ALSO GAVE DAPCEVIC MONEY AND INSTRUCTIONS TO AID HIS ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FROM YUGOSLAVIA IN 1948. ARTICLE SAYS THAT DAPCEVIC'S ASSESSMENT OF YUGOSLAV POLITICAL SITUATION FOLLOWING SPLIT WITH COMINFORM WAS THAT COMINFORM COULD NOT COUNT ON SUPPORT OF ANY SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS OR PARTY OFFICIALS, AND THAT IN GENERAL THERE WAS NO PROSPECT FOR SUCCESSFUL SOVIET MEDDLING.

5. WHILE VOLUME OF PROPAGANDA AGAINST COMINFORMISM HAS BEEN REDUCED, CAMPAIGN HAS NOT ENDED ALTOGETHER. SERBIAN LC LAST WEEK SPONSORED SEMINAR FOR PARTY WORKERS ON THE "SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF STALINISM". INDICATING TOP LEVEL INTEREST IN THE THEME, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEPAKERS INCLUDED MIRKO POPOVIC, MEMBER OF LCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND RADOVAN RADONJIC, MEMBER OF LCY MONTENEGRO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.  
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